

# The Protestation of Colonel Randall Mainwaring, to clear his Innocency, in respect of the slanders and scandals raised of him.

**T**He said *Mainwaring* being engaged, with *Nathaniel Haws* for *Joseph Haws*, for a great sum of money, in respect of a great losse he had at Sea; *Joseph* dying before he could recover himself, *Nathaniel* ruined by reason of this engagement, *Mainwaring* being engaged for *Nathaniel* also, but not for so great a sum; and being out of Purse for them betwixt 2 and 3000. l. and still engaged for them for neer 5000. l. all those Creditors fall upon *Mainwaring*, so that his overthrow, and the ruine of his wife and family will inevitably follow, unless the House of Commons will be pleased to grant him a speedy hearing of his complaint, (in respect of the depredation the cause of his engagements made by the Spanish *West-India* Fleet) the delay of which, (In respect of the great and Publique affaires which lie upon that House, though the Lords have granted it) hath brought upon him and others (formerly of good estate and faithful servants to the Parliament and Kingdom) this great extremity. *Mainwaring* is now a Prisoner for these engagements; his former faithful service, hazard of his life for the Parliament, the loss of his estate by these wars, the expence of his own money for the Publique, All forgot; and all that ever he hath done; and instead thereof he is reviled, slandered, and scandalized. *vic.* To have got a great estate by his service of the Parliament and City; to have paid no money to his Creditors these five or six years; to have said, that what he got by his service of the State he would provide therewith for his wife and children; but as he received his debts he would pay his Creditors; that he hath married a daughter, and hath given with her 1500 l. and such like scandals: All which he solemnly professeth to be utterly false, and that he hath been so far from saying any such thing, that he never thought it, and hath practised the quite contrary, for he is ready to shew (to such as shall desire it) that he hath in this time paid many thousand pounds, and that as he hath either received debts, or had moneys coming in any other way, he hath paid it out to his Creditors (necessary charges, in a moderate way only excepted) and that during this time, at least this last 3 or 4 years, he never kept, to his remembrance, 20 l. one moneth in his custody, or in any friends hands for him, and that he hath preferred none of his children, nor given nor offered any money with them; All which he affirms to be the truth for substance (and to the best of his memory in every particular) in the presence of that God whom he hath served from his youth, and to whom he must give an account: He therefore professeth he knoweth no reason of those scandals and disgraces raised of him but malice, in regard of his faithful service to the State, and for that (as he had command of all the Forces within the Line) he gave warrants to apprehend persons, and search houses, according to Orders he received from Committees of Parliament, or the Militia of *London*. And he further saith, that there is coming unto him out of moneys in the Parliaments hands, in regard of his Spanish business, more then enough to satisfy all his Creditors; all which (so far as it is in his power) and all his debts, he will make over unto his Creditors, till they be fully satisfied; and if he may enjoy his liberty, be their faithful servant both to gather in his debts, and to follow his business with the Parliament for them: But on the contrary, if he must be in Prison, as it is a great charge and a wasting of him, so it will utterly disable him to satisfy them: which hath already lost him his command in *London* and thereby 250 l. *per annum*; and if this be the way to inable any man to pay his debts, let the world judge.

And herein he bewailes his condition as much worse then those that took up armes against the Parliament; for they by the Articles of Oxford had 6. moneths time after they layd down Armes, free from arrest and trouble, ~~and did performe their duty to the Parliament~~. But he was arrested whilst he had the command of all the Citie Forces and others within the line, and warrants went out in his name above a moneth after, that he was a prisoner.